



State of New Jersey

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO: 91-9

DATE: February 28, 1991

TO: County Welfare Agency Directors

SUBJECT: Increased Income Eligibility Standards; New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs

You were advised in Medicaid Communication No. 91-3 of a special continuation of New Jersey Care eligibility for aged, blind, and disabled individuals who would otherwise have lost eligibility as a result of the January 1, 1991 cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits. The continuation was to extend until the issuance of the new federal poverty guidelines.

The federal poverty level guidelines for 1991 were published in the February 20, 1991 issue of the Federal Register. Attached are new income standards based on the guidelines for the New Jersey Care program. Because of the special procedure employed this year, these new standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 1991.

As indicated in Medicaid Communication No. 91-3, the CWA shall immediately review all cases that would otherwise have been terminated from New Jersey Care as a result of the Social Security cost-of-living increase. No action is required for those cases which remain eligible under the new income standards. Any of the continued cases which are not eligible under the new standards shall be terminated effective April 1, 1991. Adverse action requirements must, of course, be met.

The CWA shall maintain a log of any continued cases terminated as a result of the new standards. The logs must minimally identify the case name and identification number. Because the Division will be using the information contained in the logs to assure that claims submitted on behalf of these cases are removed from the federal claim, it is important that only appropriate cases appear. These logs must be submitted no later than April 15, 1991 to Douglas Eide, Office of Eligibility Policy and Operations. In the event that a county terminates no cases as a result of this process, that fact should likewise be reported to Mr. Eide.

Because these standards are retroactively effective to January 1, 1991, CWAs shall review all cases denied for excess income since that date which would be eligible under the new standards. Any case found to be eligible under the new standards shall be accreted to the eligibility file with an effective date reflecting the later of January 1, 1991 or the date of eligibility.

Questions regarding this communication should be referred to field staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Saul M. Kilstein for".

Saul M. Kilstein
Director

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cc: Marion Reitz, Director
Division of Economic Assistance

Nicholas Scalera, Acting Director
Division of Youth and Family Services

Attachment to
Medicaid Communication No: 91-9

NEW JERSEY CARE...SPECIAL MEDICAID PROGRAMS

1991 INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS - EFFECTIVE 1/1/91

Unit Size	Monthly Standard
1	\$551
2	740
3	928
4	1,116
5	1,305
6	1,493
7	1,681
8	1,870
each addit.	+ 188